

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 204952 TOSEC 040097
ORIGIN SS-15

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 CCO-00 /016 R

66011

DRAFTED BY S/S:A. OTTO:WES

APPROVED BY S/S:AOTTO

-----082026Z 088487 /63

P 082023Z MAY 77 ZFF4

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USDEL SECRETARY PRIORITY

S E C R E T STATE 104952 TOSEC 040097

EXDIS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON

FOL RPT BAGHDAD 0771 ACTION SECSTATE 8 MAY 77 QUOTE

S E C R E T BAGHDAD 0771

EXDIS

EO 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: PFOR, IZ, US

SUBJECT: IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH IRAQI

REFERENCE: STATE 104489

1. VISIT OF UNDERSECRETARY HABIB MIGHT HELP BREAK THE ICE IN OUR RELATIONS WITH IRAQI, BUT UNFORTUNATELY FOREIGN MINISTER HAMMADI IS A TIMOROUS AND GENERALLY NEGATIVE TECHNICIAN WHO PLAYS TO THE HILT THE CURRENTLY FASHIONABLE ANTI-AMERICAN GAME IN HOPES OF LIVING DOWN HIS OWN PREVIOUS ASSOCIATIONS WITH AMERICA (PHD-UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN). CHANCES OF PROGRESS WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY LESS IN A HABIB-HAMMADI MEETING THAN IN A MEETING BETWEEN A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL AND SADDAM HUSSEIN WHO HAS THE POWER AND SELF-CONFIDENCE

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 204952 TOSEC 040097

TO BRING ABOUT A REAL CHANGE IN POLICY SHOULD HE DESIRE TO DO SO.

2. RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF SHORT VISIT BY SECRETARY VANCE ON CONDITION HE BE RECEIVED BY SADDAM HUSSEIN. MY PAST CONTACTS WITH AMBASSADORS OF GULF STATES LEAD ME TO BELIEVE THAT THESE STATES WOULD BE DELIGHTED BY AN IMPROVEMENT IN US-IRAQI

RELATIONS AND THAT THIS CONSIDERATION WOULD OUTWEIGH ANY TEMPORARY PIQUE THAT MIGHT RESULT IF SECRETARY VISITED BAGHDAD AND EXCLUDED THEIR CAPITALS.

3. IF SECRETARY VISIT NOT FEASIBLE, HOWEVER, RECOMMEND WE CONSIDER ASKING IRAQIS IF SADDAM HUSSEIN WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET WITH UNDERSECRETARY HABIB FOR PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER. WHEN WE REQUEST APPOINTMENT, WE COULD INFORM IRAQIS OF GENERAL TOPICS MESSAGE WOULD COVER SUCH AS NON-SUPPORT FOR KURDIS SEPARATISM, USG WILLINGNESS TO PROCEED TOWARDS RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, AND SUGGESTIONS FOR PERIOD OF HIGHER LEVEL CONSULTATIONS. WE MIGHT ALSO OFFER TO KEEP HABIB VISIT SECRET IF IRAQIS SO DESIRE.

WILEY

UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TOSEC, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 08-May-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE104952
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: A. OTTO:WES
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X2
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770318-1172
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770581/aaaacrrp.tel
Line Count: 78
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 29964698-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 77 STATE 104489
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2604913
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH IRAQI
TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, IZ, US
To: SECRETARY
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/29964698-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009